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safe to load at the wharf at Chiriqui Grande, as carried on at present, at all hours of the day or night.

Respectfully,

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Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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COSTA RICA.

Weekly report of conditions and transactions at Port Limon—Fruit port—Yellow fever.

PORT LIMON, COSTA RICA, *May 1, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the conditions and transactions at this port during the week ended April 30, 1902:

Present officially estimated population, 4,000. Number of cases and deaths from yellow fever during the week, cases, 1; deaths none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, cases, 1; deaths, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 4. Prevailing diseases, yellow fever, smallpox, and malarial fever. Four deaths noted above occurred in Port Limon, namely, 1 negro, male, infant, of intestinal hemorrhage; 1 white, male, adult, of malarial fever; 1 colored female, adult, of puerperal fever, and 1 colored, female, adult, of dysentery. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, not good. One case of yellow fever, a laborer, was brought from Cairo Junction, 39½ miles from here by rail, and admitted to the hospital here, but was not recognized as yellow fever until April 26, ultimo. The case of smallpox developed here April 24 ultimo, is now isolated and guarded. Compulsory vaccination is now being enforced.

Bills of health were issued to the following vessels: April 24, steamship *Olympia*, number crew, 38; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. April 25, steamship *Holstein*, number crew, 21; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. April 26, steamship *Venus*, number crew, 29; number of passengers from this port, none; number of passengers in transit, none; pieces of baggage disinfected, none. April 28, steamship *Alene*, number crew, 42; number of passengers from this port, 16; number of passengers in transit, 4; pieces of baggage disinfected, none.

Respectfully,

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CUBA.

Reports from Cienfuegos, Casilda, and Santa Cruz del Sur.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA, *May 5, 1902.*

SIR: Through the chief quarantine officer for the island of Cuba, I have the honor to transmit the following report of the transactions in the district under my command for the week ended May 3, 1902: Fif-

teen deaths have occurred in this city. Of these, 4 occurred in the civil hospital. No contagious diseases reported. Causes of death as follows: Tuberculosis, 5; paludism, 2; enteritis, 2; myocarditis, 1; atrepsia, 1; colic, intestinal, 1; tumor, cerebral, 1; insufficiency, mitral, 1; typho-malaria, 1. Annual death rate per 1,000 inhabitants, 19.55. Eight vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 2 vessels admitted without inspection; 18 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at this port.

Casilda.—Acting Asst. Surg. Alejandro Cantero reports 3 deaths in the city of Trinidad. No contagious diseases reported. The steamship *Independiente* arrived at that port April 28 with 1 death on board in the person of a colored child 2 months old; cause, infantile colic was sick when embarked at Cienfuegos and died previous to arrival at Casilda. Ten vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 11 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure; no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Acting Asst. Surg. Pedro M. Quevedo reports no deaths at that port during week ended April 26, 1902. No contagious diseases reported. Health of port good. Seven vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 8 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure, and no alien steerage passengers landed at that port. Following is a recapitulation of weekly reports from the district under my command for the month of April, 1902:

Cienfuegos.—Fifty-eight deaths have occurred in this city; 19 of these occurred in the civil hospital; 52 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 30 vessels admitted without inspection; 1,557 members of crews inspected and passed; 1,089 passengers inspected and passed; 16 alien steerage passengers landed at this port; 97 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure; 3 pieces of baggage disinfected prior to embarking on *Yankton*.

Casilda.—Eighteen deaths occurred in the city of Trinidad; 46 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 45 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure; no alien passengers landed at that port.

Santa Cruz del Sur.—Month from March 29 to April 26, 1902; 3 deaths occurred at that port; 22 vessels inspected and passed, granted pratique; 25 bills of health issued vessels prior to departure; no alien steerage passengers landed at that port.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
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Inspection of immigrants at Cienfuegos during the month of April, 1902.

Total number of immigrants inspected, 16; number passed, 16.

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Reports from Havana and Batabano.

HAVANA, CUBA, *May 7, 1902.*

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith the following report of the transactions of this station, for the week ended May 3, 1902:

Spanish steamship *Alfonso XII*, from Bilbao, Coruna, and Santander,